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According to the authority, train services on weekdays and Saturdays will now commence at 6:00 a.m., 30 minutes earlier than the previous 6:30 a.m. start time. The service will continue to operate until 9:30 p.m.

LAMATA said the adjustments are aimed at improving passenger convenience, reducing waiting times and accommodating the growing number of commuters using the rail

corridor.

The authority noted that the earlier departure time would enable thousands of passengers to begin their journeys ahead of peak road traffic periods, while the increase in daily trips is expected to ease congestion at stations and enhance travel efficiency.

The agency also announced improvements to Sunday operations, increasing the number of trips from 22 to 24.

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Blue line train

Natasha Secures FG Commitment To Expand CNG Infrastructure In Kogi

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Senator Natasha Akpoti-Uduaghan, representing Kogi Central Senatorial District, has secured a commitment from the Federal Government to establish additional Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) filling stations across Kogi State to address the growing shortage of gas affecting commercial transport operators.

The development follows complaints from commercial tricycle operators under the Kogi Central Tricycle Network, who raised concerns over persistent CNG scarcity in the state.

According to the operators, the shortage has resulted in long queues at the only available CNG station in the area, leading to loss of productive hours and reduced income for transport workers.

In a statement issued by the senator's media office, the operators described the situation as a major challenge and appealed for urgent government intervention to ease the hardship faced

by commuters and transport providers. Responding to the concerns, Akpoti-Uduaghan engaged the leadership of the Presidential Compressed Natural Gas Initiative (PCNGI) to seek a lasting solution to the supply challenges.

The senator disclosed that she held discussions with the Chairman of the initiative, Ismaeel Ahmed, who assured her that efforts were already underway to facilitate the establishment of several new CNG stations across Kogi State.

"My dear friend, Ismaeel Ahmed, who chairs the Presidential CNG Initiative, has assured me that his office is currently facilitating the establishment of several CNG stations across Kogi State. This will help bridge the supply gap and address the current scarcity," she said.

Confirming the development, Ahmed stated that arrangements were being finalized to expand CNG infrastructure in the state through partnerships with private investors.

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Middle East Crisis Behind Renewed Apapa Gridlock, Shippers' Council Says

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The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has linked the resurgence of traffic congestion and operational delays along the Apapa port corridor to global supply chain disruptions arising from the ongoing crisis in the Middle East.

The Council made the assertion amid growing concerns from stakeholders over the return of severe gridlock on the Mile 2–Apapa Expressway, where long queues of trucks, delays in cargo evacuation and port congestion have continued to hamper business activities and increase transportation costs.

Industry stakeholders, including maritime operators, truck owners and freight forwarders, have attributed the worsening situation to terminal congestion, delays in the evacuation of empty containers and inefficiencies by shipping companies.

However, the NSC said the challenges should also be viewed against the backdrop of disruptions in international shipping and logistics caused by



Apapa traffic

geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

Speaking on the development, the Deputy Director of Regulatory Services at the NSC, Adaora Nwonu, acknowledged the concerns raised by stakeholders, noting that the delays were having significant effects on trade and supply chain operations.

According to her, the congestion

being experienced at the ports and along the Apapa corridor has persisted since the escalation of the Middle East crisis.

"The concerns raised are understandable considering the ripple effects of these delays across the supply chain. The congestion has been a recurring feature since the onset of the Middle East crisis," she said.

Nwonu explained that the crisis had resulted in a backlog in the outbound clearance of cargo, creating bottlenecks that have affected port operations and cargo movement.

She noted that the Council was actively engaging service providers and other stakeholders to manage the situation and minimise disruptions to the supply chain.

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Commercial Driver Killed In Multi-Vehicle Crash On Lagos-Oshodi Corridor

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A commercial bus driver was killed on Tuesday in a multiple-vehicle collision along the Cele inward Oshodi corridor in Lagos, prompting an emergency response by the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) and other security agencies.

The fatal crash involved a commercial minibus, popularly known as a "Korokpe," and a Toyota Tundra pickup truck with registration number EPE 554 YC, according to LASTMA.

Preliminary findings by security personnel at the scene indicated that the commercial bus driver sustained severe injuries from the impact of the collision and died instantly.

LASTMA officials, who were conducting routine traffic monitoring operations in the area, swiftly responded to the incident.

The agency said its operatives secured the accident scene, coordinated emergency measures, and managed traffic to prevent further congestion on the busy route.

Working alongside officers of the Nigeria

Police Force from the Cele-Ijesha Division, emergency responders recovered the driver's remains and released them to his family after necessary procedures were completed.

Authorities also evacuated the damaged vehicles and other debris from the roadway to restore normal traffic flow.

The vehicles involved in the crash were subsequently handed over to the police for a comprehensive investigation aimed at determining the circumstances and possible causes of the accident.

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IATA Flags Nigeria Among World's Costliest Countries For Airline Operations

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The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has again identified Nigeria as one of the most expensive countries in the world for airline operations, citing high taxes, charges, and operational costs that continue to constrain the growth of the aviation sector.

Speaking at the IATA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Brazil, the association's Regional Vice President for Africa and the Middle East, Kamil Al-Awadhi, said that despite ongoing reforms being championed by the Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Festus Keyamo, the operating environment for airlines in Nigeria remains challenging.

According to Al-Awadhi, the high-cost structure has made it difficult for airlines to remain competitive and profitable, limiting the industry's ability to achieve its full growth potential.

He noted that excessive taxes, airport charges, and other operational

expenses continue to place a significant burden on airlines across the region, with Nigeria ranking among the most difficult markets from a cost perspective.

To address the challenge, Al-Awadhi called on member states of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) to implement the proposed 25 per cent reduction in aviation taxes and charges. He said the measure would lower the cost of air travel, stimulate passenger traffic, and enhance the competitiveness of airlines operating within West Africa.

His remarks echoed concerns previously raised by the Chairman of United Nigeria Airlines, Prof. Obiora Okonkwo, who described Nigeria as one of the most heavily taxed aviation jurisdictions in Africa.

Okonkwo said the numerous levies imposed on airlines have contributed significantly to high ticket prices and reduced the competitiveness of Nigerian carriers compared to operators in neighbouring countries.

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Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi, has said that President Bola Tinubu's four flagship road infrastructure projects are designed to link Nigeria's six geopolitical zones through an integrated transport network aimed at enhancing economic growth, food security and regional development.

Umahi made the disclosure in Abuja while receiving a delegation from the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), led by Mrs. Maimouna Sidibe, Head of the Basic Infrastructure Division, Department of Public Sector Corporations. The delegation is conducting appraisal activities ahead of the approval of financing for Section One of the Trans-Sahara Super Highway.

According to the minister, the four legacy road projects initiated by President Bola Tinubu were strategically conceived as an interconnected transportation loop that would improve connectivity across the country.



Sen. Umahi

"The entire four legacy projects of Mr President are interconnected in a loop," Umahi said.

He explained that the 750-kilometre Lagos-Calabar Coastal Highway is linked to the Trans-Sahara Super Highway through Ndibe Beach in Cross River State, creating a seamless transport corridor across several regions.

Umahi disclosed that Section One of the

Trans-Sahara Super Highway spans 123.64 kilometres from Ndibe Beach to the Benue State border, while additional sections covering Benue, Kogi and Nasarawa states have already been awarded.

Describing the route as a major agricultural and trade corridor, the minister said the highway would strengthen food distribution networks and support national food security

efforts.

"It has long existed and remains a major food corridor. It is critical to food sufficiency in our country," he stated.

He added that the project would connect key agricultural hubs in Cross River, Ebonyi and Benue states while reducing travel time between Calabar and Abuja to approximately four hours.

The minister also revealed plans to leverage existing dams along the corridor for irrigation and renewable energy projects, noting that the development would attract investments, create jobs and stimulate industrial growth.

"There are many benefits to this project. Beyond tolling and corridor development for investment returns, it will generate numerous jobs, both direct and indirect," Umahi said.

He further explained that the Trans-Sahara Super Highway would connect with another legacy project through the Abuja-Akwanga corridor, extending to Jos, Bauchi, Gombe, Biu and Maiduguri.

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The inaugural hands-on training session was held at the Caverton Marine Ferry Building Facility in Badore, Ajah, marking a transition from the programme's virtual mentoring and self-paced learning modules to practical industry-based training.

Organised in partnership with Interferry, the training brought together 50 participants who received instruction on ferry design and construction, vessel safety standards, maintenance procedures, and operational best practices within the maritime industry.

According to LASWA, the practical component is designed to expose participants to real-life operating environments and equip them with the

technical skills needed to support the continued growth of water transportation in Lagos State.

A key feature of the training was a technical presentation by Caverton Marine General Manager, Mohammed Ibrahim, who shared insights from over 40 years of experience in ferry design and construction. Ibrahim guided participants through critical aspects of vessel construction standards, maintenance requirements, and safety measures necessary for efficient ferry operations.

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The Niger Delta Development Commission has assured that the pace of work on the 3.75-kilometre Okrika-Borikiri Road, with three bridges linking Okrika and the Port Harcourt Local Government Area of Rivers State, will accelerate.

The commission increased the pace of work after paying compensation to property owners in Borikiri.

Speaking during an inspection of the bridge in Okrika, the NDDC Assistant Director, Utilities, Infrastructural Development and Waterways, Martins Isichei, stated that the issue of compensation for property owners at the Borikiri end of the bridge had been settled.

This was contained in a statement issued in Port Harcourt on Tuesday by the NDDC Director of Corporate Affairs, Seledi Thompson-Wakama, and sent to newsmen.

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Isichei said that, following the payment

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of compensation to property owners along the right-of-way, demolition of structures will soon commence.

He stated, "The NDDC has paid compensation to property owners along the Borikiri alignment, and we are expecting the evacuation of residents there before we commence demolition of structures in the right of way."

Isichei observed that the progress of work in the Okrika area was impressive, despite the encumbrances on waterways. He explained: "For example, when we resumed work on the site, a vessel collided with an existing pile. We had to re-profile the bridge and develop a new design to circumvent the damaged pile."

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President Bola Tinubu

President Bola Tinubu has commissioned the main carriageways of the Outer Southern Expressway, linking Ring Road 1 Junction to Ring Road 2 Junction in the Federal Capital Territory, describing the project as part of efforts to expand infrastructure and drive economic development in the capital.

The commissioning ceremony took place on Tuesday, along the OSEX-Wasa Road.

In his address, Tinubu, represented by the Senate President, Godswill Akpabio, said the administration had remained focused on delivering projects that translate into visible improvements in citizens' lives.

He said his administration had prioritised hard

work and practical results over quick fixes, noting that governance must deliver tangible benefits.

"Fellow citizens, when we took the oath of office to lead this great nation, we didn't promise shortcuts. We promised hard work.

"We promised a renewed hope that is tangible—hope that you can see, hope that you can feel, and hope that you can drive on!" the president stated.

Tinubu said the project reflected the broader role of infrastructure in economic development and job creation.

He stated, "What we are doing here today goes far beyond laying asphalt or mixing concrete. We are paving the way for a brighter future. Look around you. Infrastructure is the very artery of economic growth.

"If you want to unlock the potential of a city, if you want to create jobs, if you want to make life easier for the market woman, the corporate worker, and the industrialist—you build roads."

Tinubu recalled earlier phases of the

Outer Southern Expressway project, including previous sections already completed and commissioned.

The president noted, "We inherited this journey of the Outer Southern Expressway. Right here in June 2024, we commissioned the first stage from the Villa Roundabout all the way to the Ring Road 1 Junction, complete with its interchanges.

"By last year, 2025, we stood here again to open up the 15-kilometre left-hand service carriageway."

He stressed the administration's commitment to completing ongoing projects across the country.

"I have said it before; we don't start projects to abandon them. The era of uncompleted projects in Nigeria is fading away! We finish what we start," he said.

Describing the latest milestone, he said the government was expanding the expressway further to improve connectivity across Abuja.

The president also commended the FCT Minister, Nyesom Wike, for what he described as effective leadership in

transforming infrastructure in Abuja.

He added that the minister had ensured accountability and delivery in project execution.

"Minister Wike, you have shown that public service is about performance, not excuses. You have kept the contractors on their toes, and you have kept our vision alive.

"This is the spirit of the Renewed Hope agenda—delivering quality results for the Nigerian people, on time. I thank you," the president added.

Tinubu said the road would significantly reduce congestion and improve economic efficiency in the capital.

"Dear residents of the FCT, the benefits of this vital road infrastructure, for which we are gathered here today to celebrate, are quite immense. Let us think about the thousands of commuters who will no longer be trapped in gridlock.

"Think about the fuel saved, the man-hours gained, and the seamless connection this creates across the capital city."

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FRSC, Dufil Move To Strengthen Road Safety Partnership Nationwide

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The Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) and Dufil Prima Foods Plc have begun discussions aimed at expanding their road safety partnership across the country as part of efforts to promote safer roads and reduce traffic-related accidents.

The move followed a courtesy visit by officials of Dufil Prima Foods Plc to the FRSC headquarters in Abuja, where both parties explored ways to deepen collaboration on road safety awareness, responsible driving practices, and public advocacy programmes.

The Dufil delegation was led by the company's Director of Special Projects, Rajesh Gaggar, alongside the Group Corporate Communications and Events Manager, Temitope Ashiwaju. During the meeting, the two organisations reviewed previous joint initiatives and identified new areas for cooperation.

Speaking during the visit, Ashiwaju highlighted the company's contributions



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to road safety safety remains a key “For us at Dufil, road promotion, including the aspect of Dufil's safety remains an donation of 10,000 corporate social important area of social safety helmets to responsibility efforts and impact. We are pleased commercial motorcycle expressed the company's to engage further with the operators and the commitment to FRSC leadership on how Communications and Events Manager, Temitope Ashiwaju. During the meeting, the two organisations reviewed previous joint initiatives and identified new areas for cooperation.

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In his remarks, FRSC Corps Marshal Shehu Mohammed commended Dufil Prima Foods for its continued support of road safety campaigns and stressed the importance of partnerships between government agencies and private organisations in promoting a culture of safety on Nigerian roads.

Both organisations also discussed plans to collaborate on nationwide school advocacy campaigns, public enlightenment programmes, and other initiatives designed to improve road safety awareness and reduce road crashes across the country.

The proposed expansion of the partnership is expected to strengthen ongoing efforts to encourage responsible road use and enhance safety for motorists, passengers, and pedestrians nationwide.

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FG Warns Contractors Over Delays On Abuja-Lokoja Road Project



Umahi

The Federal Government has warned contractors handling the reconstruction of the Abuja-Lokoja Road that they risk sanctions if they fail to meet project timelines, stressing that funds released for the project must be fully utilised for the intended purpose.

Minister of Works, Senator David Umahi, issued the warning on Tuesday during an inspection tour of the road corridor in Lokoja, Kogi State. He said the government would no longer tolerate delays or poor performance on critical infrastructure projects across the country.

According to the minister, President Bola Tinubu remains committed to the

rehabilitation of key road networks nationwide, with the Abuja-Lokoja highway receiving special attention because of its strategic economic and security importance.

Umahi directed officials of the Federal Ministry of Works to provide a detailed status report and line diagram of the project. He also summoned the contractors involved to explain their financial and operational performance on the road project.

“We can no longer keep quiet and allow contractors to do whatever they want to do. Contractors who have received government funds must utilise them for the intended purpose and ensure that critical sections of the road are attended to immediately,” he said.

The minister expressed concern over the prolonged construction activities on sections of the highway, noting that the delays have caused significant hardship for motorists and other road users.

He warned that no section of the road should remain closed for more than 14 days without adequate traffic management arrangements and cautioned that ministry officials responsible for project supervision would be held accountable for lapses in oversight.

Umahi further stated that negligent personnel within the ministry would face disciplinary measures if found culpable of failing in their responsibilities.

On project funding, the minister appealed to the Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPC Ltd.) and the Ministry of Finance to expedite the release of approved funds, noting that delays in payments were affecting the pace of work.

He commended President Tinubu for prioritising infrastructure development and promoting the adoption of reinforced concrete pavement technology on major highways to enhance road

durability.

Also speaking, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Works, Senator Allwell Onyesoh, said the successful delivery of infrastructure projects requires collective responsibility and urged all stakeholders to contribute effectively to the process.

Managing Director of Guild Construction Company, Jamilu Ogunbola, disclosed that the company is handling Section Three of the project, covering 28 kilometres of the highway.

According to him, approximately 8.2 kilometres of continuously reinforced concrete pavement has been completed and is ready for use by motorists.

The Federal Government reaffirmed its commitment to completing all ongoing legacy road projects, describing infrastructure development as essential for economic growth, regional integration and national security.

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Türkiye, Saudi Arabia Sign Landmark Rail, Transport Cooperation Agreements

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Türkiye and Saudi Arabia have signed two landmark agreements aimed at strengthening cooperation in transportation, logistics, and railway development, marking a significant step in efforts to enhance regional connectivity and trade.

The agreements were signed on Tuesday by Turkish Transport and Infrastructure Minister Abdulkadir Uraloglu and Saudi Arabia's Minister of Transport and Logistic Services, Saleh bin Nasser Al-Jasser.

Announcing the development, Uraloglu described the accords as the beginning of a new phase in bilateral relations, focused on expanding technical cooperation and knowledge exchange in key transport sectors.

According to the Turkish minister, the agreements will facilitate collaboration in



areas including logistics centres, modern transport applications, railway technology, infrastructure development, workforce training, and human

resource capacity building. "In this context, we are launching a new phase that will strengthen the exchange of expertise and technical

cooperation across a wide range of areas, from logistics centres to modern applications," Uraloglu said. He added that both countries were working to

establish a stronger and more sustainable framework for cooperation in the railway sector, with the goal of supporting regional development, trade, and

connectivity.

One of the agreements, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Logistics Services, is designed to support the construction and management of logistics centres, facilitate the sharing of expertise, and promote joint projects.

The second agreement, the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Railway Sector, seeks to encourage collaboration across all areas of railway development and operations.

Uraloglu noted that Türkiye and Saudi Arabia were also exploring alternative regional trade routes, particularly through Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. He said recent test runs from Türkiye through Iraq to Saudi Arabia had demonstrated the viability of the corridor.

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Kenya Airways (KQ, Nairobi) is preparing a plan to operate another country's national airline as part of a broader growth strategy aimed at strengthening its long-term recovery, according to chairman Kiprono Kittony.

"There is a plan, and you're going to see a stronger and more robust airline. We are planning to bid for becoming a national airline for another country," Kittony told a news conference in Mombasa on May 28, as quoted by Kenya's Citizen Digital.

Kenya Airways Eyes Bid To Operate Another Airline

A Kenya Airways spokesman verified the quote to ch-aviation but provided no further insight into the identity of the country or the nature of the proposed arrangement.

The disclosure comes as the Nairobi-listed carrier pursues a recovery strategy following years of financial instability, leadership turnover, and mounting debt pressures.

Kittony said the airline was focused on securing short-term emergency funding to meet immediate operational requirements, while leveraging its status as a publicly listed company to attract fresh investment through capital markets.

He linked Kenya Airways' recovery prospects to Kenya's broader economic ambitions, including plans to expand exports of agricultural produce and other goods, a move expected to support cargo demand. He also pointed to airport expansion plans that could boost tourism and passenger traffic.

Acting group managing director and CEO George Kamal reiterated that Kenya Airways remains a strategic national asset and is focused on restoring customer confidence

and financial stability.

Kenya Airways is seeking USD1.5 billion to USD2 billion from strategic investors, and talks with four potential partners have advanced to the due diligence stage, Kamal told ch-aviation in a recent interview. It is weighing a range of financing structures including equity, debt, cash injections, and aircraft-backed arrangements. The Kenyan government retains the option to convert KES132 billion shillings (USD1.02 billion) of Kenya Airways' debt into equity.

Kenya Airways' after-tax loss of KES17.2 billion (USD133 million) in 2025, despite its second-highest revenue on record, was blamed on the lengthy grounding of three B787-8s due to engine maintenance shortages and global supply chain issues.

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Nigeria, Development Partners Push Urban Water Reforms

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The Federal Government and Development partners have called for stronger collaboration and increased investment to address persistent challenges in Nigeria's urban water supply sector and expand access to safe and reliable services.

The call was made on Monday in Abuja at a workshop on Urban Water Supply Sector Report in Nigeria: Progress, Challenges and the Way Forward, organised by the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation with development partners.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the workshop seeks to clarify challenges in implementing urban water reforms, identify replicable success factors, and draw lessons from local and international experiences.

Speaking on behalf of the Development Partner Group for the Water and Sanitation Sector, the Ambassador of France to Nigeria and ECOWAS, Marc Fonbaustier, commended Nigeria's reform efforts, infrastructure investments and strengthened cooperation among stakeholders.

He said representatives from 25



Participants at the Urban Water Supply Sector Reform

states attended the workshop, describing it as evidence of strong national commitment to improving water services.

Fonbaustier said Nigeria had recorded progress through governance reforms, institutional strengthening and infrastructure investments, but noted that major gaps remained.

He said many urban households still depended on boreholes, water vendors

and tanker services, which were often costly, unreliable and unsafe.

"Accelerating access to sustainable, affordable and reliable water services remains a top priority," he said.

He added that the workshop, supported by the French Development Agency, was designed to share experiences, identify practical solutions and strengthen sector collaboration.

Fonbaustier disclosed that the agency had committed over 300 million euros to water investments across seven Nigerian states in the past decade.

He said water investments go beyond infrastructure, improving health outcomes, reducing burdens on women and children, and supporting economic activity.

He also noted that water security challenges were now global, driven by climate change and rising demand.

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US Plans Deportation Of 110 Nigerians

Culled:

The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has confirmed that no fewer than 110 Nigerians are set to be deported from the country.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), which published the list, said the deportation forms part of a broader enforcement operation that will result in the return of 355 West African nationals to their respective countries.

The Department published names and photographs of all 355 individuals listed for deportation under its West Africa Operations Watch initiative.

Nigeria accounts for 110 of those listed, second only to Liberia with 94, and far ahead of Ghana and Senegal with 30 and 19, respectively.

The list also includes 15 Cameroonians, 14 Gambians, 14 Ivorians, 12 Mauritians, 11 Cape Verdeans, nine Burkinabes, eight Nigeriens, six Guineans, six Togolese, five Malians, and 1 each from Benin and Guinea-Bissau.

According to DHS, those listed were flagged for immigration violations, including visa overstays, unlawful entry, and failure to meet residency requirements.

Officials described the exercise as a coordinated operation across several US states.

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Nigeria's Trade Surplus Jumps 341% To N7.555tn In 2026 Q1



National Bureau of Statistics (NBS)

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Nigeria recorded a sharp improvement in its merchandise trade balance in the first quarter of 2026 as exports rose and imports declined significantly, pushing the country's trade surplus to

N7.555tn.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics' Foreign Trade in Goods Statistics report released on Monday, total trade stood at N34.79tn in the review period, with exports accounting for

amounting to N13.62tn.

The report showed that the trade balance remained positive at N7.55tn, representing a 340.88 per cent increase compared to the preceding quarter.

"The merchandise trade balance for Q1 2026 remained positive at N7.55tn, indicating an increase of 340.88 per cent compared to the value recorded in the preceding quarter," the NBS stated, attributing the development largely to lower petroleum product imports and higher crude oil exports.

The statistics office disclosed that total exports rose by 2.77 per cent year-on-year from N20.60tn recorded in the corresponding period of 2025 and increased by 11.63 per cent from N18.96tn in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Exports accounted for 60.85 per cent of total trade during the quarter.

Crude oil remained Nigeria's dominant export commodity, generating N11.20tn and accounting for 52.92 per cent of total exports.

Non-crude oil exports stood at N9.97tn, while non-oil exports contributed N3.19tn, representing 15.05 per cent of total exports.

The report noted that crude oil exports, despite declining by 13.53 per cent from N12.96tn recorded a year earlier, increased by 15.45 per cent compared to the previous quarter.

Other petroleum product exports surged by 51.49 per cent year-on-year to N6.78tn.

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UNITED NATIONS

United Nations (UN)

UN Raise The Alarm Over Killings, Abductions In Nigeria

Culled:
 The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has raised concerns over what it described as credible reports of killings, abductions, sexual violence and forced conversions targeting Christian and other religious minority communities in Nigeria, particularly in the northern and Middle Belt regions.

The concerns were contained in a press release issued on Monday by the UN human rights office, which warned that worsening insecurity in parts of the country has created an environment where armed groups

operate with severe consequences for civilians.

The office said, "These reports are deeply troubling," adding that the deteriorating security situation in northern Nigeria and the Middle Belt has enabled armed extremist groups and other actors to operate amid persistent allegations of impunity and inadequate protection by authorities.

It further stated that "the testimonies we have received paint a horrifying picture of fear, trauma, coercion and abandonment," stressing that victims and survivors must be protected and supported, including through justice

and reparations.

According to the OHCHR, violence targeting religious minorities continues in several parts of the country, including killings, attacks on places of worship, mass displacement and mob violence linked to blasphemy allegations.

The office expressed particular concern over the risks faced by women and girls, noting that they are exposed to abductions, sexual violence, forced marriage and forced conversion.

"We are particularly alarmed at the very specific and heightened risks of discrimination, violence and

exploitation that Christian women and girls are exposed to," it said, adding that "in many cases, those who resist are reportedly threatened, punished, disappeared or killed."

The UN rights office referenced a communication to the Nigerian government detailing reported incidents, including abductions and sexual assault of women, the disappearance of girls abducted from a church in Borno State, forced conversion and child marriage in Bauchi State, and an attack on a 16-year-old girl whose hand was allegedly cut off after her family rejected a forced marriage proposal.

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NDPC, Meta Partner On Data Protection In Nigeria

The Nigeria Data Protection Commission (NDPC) has launched the Meta Supported Initiatives for Data Protection (M-SIDP), a two-year strategic program to strengthen data safeguards for Nigerian users.

Announcing the initiative on Monday via a press release signed by Head, Media Unit, Itunu Dosekun, the NDPC said it is in connection with the commission's regulatory process involving Meta Platforms, Inc.,

following investigations into the company's data processing practices in Nigeria.

"The initiative stems from a 2025 court-approved settlement after NDPC investigated Meta's data processing practices, with Meta committing support aligned to the Nigeria Data Protection Act 2023 and related directives," Dosekun said.

"The matter was concluded in 2025 through a court-approved settlement.

As part of the settlement, Meta committed to supporting a two-year programme of public facing data protection measures that aligns with the objectives of the Nigeria Data Protection Act, 2023 (NDP Act), the NDP Act General Application and Implementation Directive (GAID) and the NDPC Strategic Roadmap and Action Plan (SRAP) 2023-2027."

Dosekun explained that the M-SIDP targets governance and research,

ecosystem safety, capacity building for data protection officers, and awareness campaigns focused on vulnerable groups, while NDPC retains full independent regulatory authority.

"The M-SIDP programme is structured around the following strategic areas: « Governance, Research and Development; Fostering Safety and Sustainability Mechanisms for Ecosystem & [Find Full Story In The Link](#)

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